

## House Resolution 479

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, Smyre of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, Sinkfield of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women and its  
2 National Leadership Institute; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women  
4 (NOBEL/Women) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization composed of black women who  
5 are current and former elected officials who inspire women to take an active role in public  
6 policy issues and serve as a catalyst for reform; and

7 WHEREAS, established in 1985, NOBEL/Women has a current membership of 223 and has  
8 expanded its vision to serve as a global voice to address issues affecting the lives of women  
9 in this country and throughout the world; and

10 WHEREAS, members of NOBEL/Women work tirelessly to ensure the enforcement of  
11 programs and policies that meet the legal, social, health, economic, and educational needs  
12 of children, women, and families; and

13 WHEREAS, this groundbreaking organization created a signature program in 2002 called  
14 the National Leadership Institute which provides leadership, public policy, and campaign  
15 training to prepare black women to run for office, seek board appointments, and advance in  
16 the public, private, or community sector; and

17 WHEREAS, the National Leadership Institute utilizes experts in the fields of public policy,  
18 leadership, and politics to provide innovative and challenging curriculum for the elite 25  
19 participants it accepts per year; and

20 WHEREAS, as Women's History Month, March, 2009, is set aside to celebrate and honor  
21 those women who have contributed their time and talents to the betterment of this state and  
22 nation, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to pay tribute to this talented and  
23 trailblazing organization and its many important accomplishments.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative  
26 Women for its exemplary public service and recognize the outstanding training and education  
27 provided by its National Leadership Institute.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the National Organization  
30 of Black Elected Legislative Women.